



Great Outdoors Palm Springs
Saline Valley
Death Valley NP
April 23 - 29, 2017
Sunday to Saturday



Great Friends, Great Times, Great Outdoors

Great Outdoors will be car camping at the Warm Springs in Saline Valley, one of the most remote parts of Death Valley National Park. There you will be able to fill your days with a whole lot of nothing: no radio, no TV, no internet, no phone, no electricity, no flush toilets. But you won't find yourself bored because you can fill that nothing with endless, clothing-optional* bathing in numerous pools filled with naturally hot spring water. There you will meet the "citizens" of Saline Valley, who are visitors like yourself who come from all parts of the globe to partake of this uniquely beautiful, isolated and friendly spot.

The Warm Springs bubble up near the middle of this 50-mile long desert valley, where the climate is like that of Coachella Valley, including possibly strong winds. There are mountain vistas in all directions and the night sky is without compare. There will be a new moon on Apr 26th while we are there.

Beginning in the 1960s, before the area was included within Death Valley, volunteers built concrete tubs and a shower. Those improvements, which could not be built in the national park today, are accepted by the park service. As is the clothing-optional* nature of the area, nudity is certainly not required, and the area is quite family-friendly. You will meet all sorts of interesting, friendly people, some of whom have been coming to the Warm Springs for decades.

*Note: If nudity offends you, we recommend you not go on this trip as there will be naked people there.

There are two pools very near where we will camp, and additional pools with more shade just a half-mile walk away.

Besides the bathing in the springs, those who are coming with 4-wheel drive vehicles will organize day trips to explore parts of Saline Valley or even go out of the valley into other parts of Death Valley National Park. You may need to bring extra gas!

We'll have a potluck on Monday night. Bring something to share if you wish to participate. We'll also have a "**wine tasting**" one afternoon. Our goal is to identify a cheap, yet durable wine that travels well in the desert. Box wines, cheap bottled wine, and even non-wine are **your welcome contribution**. We'll provide an array of fine plastic ware, cheese & crackers.

You can tent camp or bring an RV, but your vehicle must be able to traverse at least 40 miles of sometimes rough dirt road to get to the springs. The last 7 miles of the road into Warm Springs will be a challenge for most RVs. A high clearance vehicle with good tires (and a good, full-size spare tire) is required. 4WD vehicles may be required on some of the optional treks from camp during the week. Extra seating in those vehicles may be available for passengers, but we do not guarantee it.

Some say the water at the springs is safe to drink, but if you intend to rely on that, be prepared to filter it. The park service has built pit toilets, but bring your own toilet paper. In addition, every visitor is asked to bring 2 gallons of chlorine bleach which will be used to clean the tubs.

We are doing this trip in conjunction with GOPS friends that usually go twice a year. You can visit their website at: www.salinedv.com

Itinerary

Sunday, April 23

- Arrive when you arrive Check in

Mon-Friday, April 24-28

- Rest and relax or go for a hike, 4x4 trip, explore Check the whiteboard*

Saturday, April 29

- Depart when you wish to depart Check-out time

* Check campground white board for updates and hike/outing details.

Where: Saline Valley Warm Springs, Death Valley National Park, CA ([map](#)).

What to Bring: Bring everything you need for the length of your stay, the GO Ten Essentials ([click here](#)), camping/cooking gear, food, **drinking water**, warm/cool weather clothing, **potluck item for Monday night**, 1-2 bundles of **firewood** for the group campfire. Please bring only wood designated as firewood and purchased in California - no particle board, old furniture, plywood or construction materials. These cause the release of toxic gases when burned. Firewood is **not** for sale at the campground. Pets welcomed on leash. Bring extra gasoline if you expect to be exploring the valley in your vehicle.

Directions: Google will provide you directions from this link: [map](#) The Trip Leader can provide detailed driving directions to anyone who needs them. We can also caravan from the Palm Springs area to prevent getting lost or dealing with vehicle breakdowns.

Climate. April: Avg High: 91°, Avg Low: 55°

Contact: Please contact Ed via phone (760) 902-1850 or email him at Webmaster-PS@GreatOutdoors.org for further details about this trip.

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Registration Form - One Form Per Person – Due NLT 4/20/2015

FEES	
Applicant	Fee
RV or tent (no charge)	\$ 0
Non-Members additional each*	\$ 25
Total fees:	\$ _____

*Optional. Includes a 1 year GO membership

Do you need a ride? Y___ N___

Can you offer a ride? Y___ N___

Sharing a tent/RV? With whom:

Carpooling recommended. I am carpooling with:

Trip leader's use:

Date: _____
Check #: _____
Amount: _____

Name (please print) _____

G.O. Chapter: _____ Phone: _____ (cell preferred)

Address: _____

Email: _____
(will be kept confidential)

Emergency contact: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Special Request or Comments: _____

(continue on reverse if needed)

*New members may choose which GO Chapter to join (place X):

__LA __OC/LB __SB/VC __PS __SD

Refunds: Not applicable for this trip.

Additional information contact: John via phone (415) 827-1790 or email
Webmaster-PS@GreatOutdoors.org

Pay with Credit Card or PayPal: [ON LINE PAYMENT - CLICK HERE](#)

You may scan a copy of your completed registration and email it to the above email address or mail it to address below.

Health Problems/allergies: It is the responsibility of participants to carry on their person a record of significant allergies, medications and medical history in the event of a medical emergency.

Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability
I understand that the activities engaged in by Great Outdoors, and specifically this activity, may involve dangers inherent in all outdoor activities, and by signing below, I, except as expressly prohibited by California statutory and case law, do expressly assume all risks and dangers of such activities and specifically this activity, and do hereby expressly release and hold harmless Great Outdoors Inc., including its event leaders, officers, agents, employees, administrators and assigns, from any and all liability for injury or death arising from said activities and specifically this activity, and agree to defend any lawsuits against any of them arising from those activities and specifically this activity.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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